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TITLE OF INVENTION: GENE IMPROVING TEMPERATURE-TOLERANCE OF ACETIC ACID BACTERIUM, ACETIC ACID BACTERIUM BRED: USING THE GENE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING VINEGAR USING THE ACETIC ACID BACTERIUM

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